REMARKS

Claims 1 -20 are pending in the application. Claims 1 - 20 have been rejected. Claims 2 - 3, 5, 7, 8, 11 - 13, and 15 - 17 have been objected to. Claims 2, 3, 7, 8, 11-13, 17 and 18 have been amended.

The drawings have been objected to. The drawings and, in certain locations the specification, have been amended to address this objection. It is respectfully submitted that the numbers objected to by the Examiner are in compliance with the drawing requirements for arrows. (See 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(r)(1)). No new matter has been added.

Regarding the Examiner's statement about the foreign patent EP 0 921 487 A1, it is respectfully submitted that the submission of this patent via the Information Disclosure Statement filed on September 26, 2003 is in compliance with 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(2)(i) and that this foreign patent should thus be considered by the Examiner.

Claims 2 - 3, 5, 7, 8, 11 - 13, and 15 - 17 are objected due to informalities. Claims 2 - 3, 7, 8, 11 - 13, and 15 - 17 have been amended to address this objection.

Claims 1 - 20 stand rejected under Bueche, U.S. Patent No. 6,834,269 (Bueche). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The present invention, as set forth by independent claim 1, relates to a method for enabling remote restoration of a purchase verification which includes obtaining a value that uniquely identifies an information handling system, obtaining a promotion code value that identifies a benefit, linking the value that uniquely identifies the information handling system with the promotion code value for the information handling system, during remote restoration, obtaining the promotion code value for the information handling system by providing the value that uniquely identifies the information handling system, and providing the promotion code value to the information handling system to re-enable the benefit.

The present invention, as set forth by independent claim 7, relates to a process for remote creation of a system specific key for a benefit purchased post point of sale which includes

obtaining a value that uniquely identifies an information handling system, obtaining a promotion code value that identifies the benefit, linking the value that uniquely identifies the information handing system with the product code value, creating the system specific key for the benefit purchased post point of sale based upon the value that uniquely identifies the information handling, and providing the promotion code value to the information handling system to enable benefit.

The present invention, as set forth by independent claim 11, relates to a system for enabling remote restoration of a purchase verification, which includes a restore module, wherein the restore module is configured to obtain a value that uniquely identifies an information handling system, obtain a promotion code value that identifies a benefit, link the value that uniquely identifies an information handling system with the product code value for the information handling system, during remote restoration, obtain the promotion code value for the information handling system by providing the value that uniquely identifies the information handling system, and provide the promotion code value to the information handling system to re-enable benefit.

The present invention, as set forth by independent claim 17, relates to a system for remote creation of a system specific key for a benefit purchased post point of sale which includes a restore module. The restore module is configured to obtain a value that uniquely identifies an information handling system, obtain a promotion code value that identifies the benefit, link the value that uniquely identifies the information handing system with the product code value, create the system specific key for the benefit purchased post point of sale based upon the value that uniquely identifies the information handling, and provide the promotion code value to the information handling system to enable benefit.

Bueche discloses a software-generated purchase verification key is generated and stored on a computer at the factory where the make-to-order computer is assembled. The purchase verification key is provided by the computer to an ISP's host server. The host server attempts to verify the key. If the key is verified, the ISP establishes a pre-paid account for the owner of the computer.

An issue faced by the Bueche system relates to when a client performs a software re-install or hard drive replacement on a computer system which originally included a product key (i.e., the issue relates to enabling a remote restoration of a purchase verification). The Bueche system does not provide a seamless way to restore the promotional offer or client upgrade keys to the computer system, or to even know what offers the user of the computer system was originally authorized to purchase. It is to this issue that the present invention is directed and claimed.

Accordingly, Bueche, does not teach or suggest a method for enabling *remote restoration of a purchase verification* which includes *during remote restoration*, obtaining the promotion code value for the information handling system by providing *the value that uniquely identifies the information handling system*, and *providing the promotion code value to the information handling system to re-enable the benefit*, all as required by claim 1. Accordingly, claim 1 is allowable over Bueche. Claims 2 - 6 depend from claim 1 and are allowable for at least this reason..

Bueche, does not teach or suggest a process for *remote creation* of a system specific key for a benefit purchased post point of sale which includes *linking the value that uniquely identifies the information handing system with the product code value*, creating the system specific key for the benefit purchased post point of sale based upon the value that uniquely identifies the information handling, and *providing the promotion code value to the information handling system to enable benefit*, all as required by claim 7. Accordingly, claim 7 is allowable over Bueche. Claims 8 - 10 depend from claim 7 and are allowable for at least this reason.
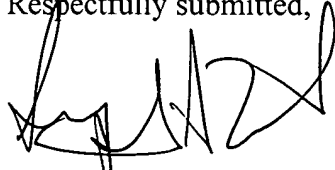
Bueche, does not teach or suggest a system for enabling *remote restoration* of a purchase verification, which includes a restore module, wherein the restore module is configured to *during remote restoration, obtain the promotion code value for the information handling system by providing the value that uniquely identifies the information handling system, and provide the promotion code value to the information handling system to re-enable benefit*, all as required by claim 11. Accordingly, claim 11 is allowable over Bueche. Claims 12 - 16 depend from claim 11 and are allowable for at least this reason.

Bueche, does not teach or suggest a system a system specific key for a benefit purchased post point of sale which includes a *restore module* where the restore module is configured to *link the value that uniquely identifies the information handing system with the product code value, create the system specific key for the benefit purchased post point of sale based upon the value that uniquely identifies the information handling, and provide the promotion code value to the information handling system to enable benefit*, all as required by claim 17. Accordingly, claim 17 is allowable over Bueche. Claims 18 - 20 depend from claim 17 and are allowable for at least this reason.

CONCLUSION

The claims have been amended to improve clarity. In addition, Figures 1 - 4 have been corrected in a separate response sent to the Official Draftsman. In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

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In the Figures

Please amend Figures 1 and 2 as shown in red on the attached sheet.

A Submission of Replacement and Formal Drawings containing this amendment to the Figures has been sent to the Official Draftsman.
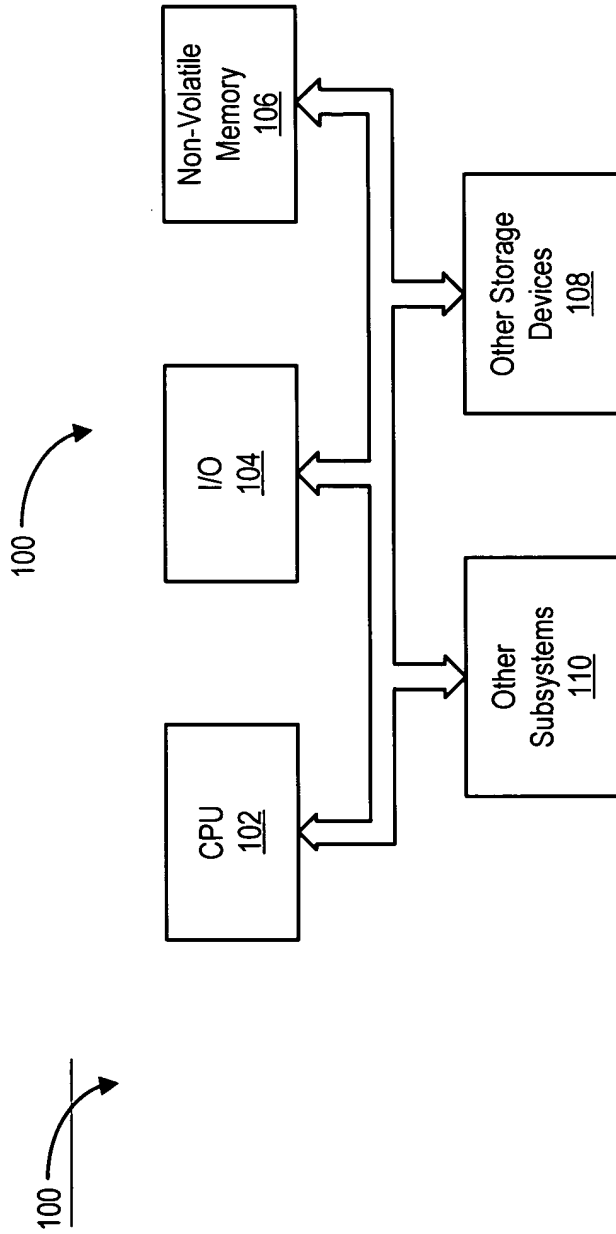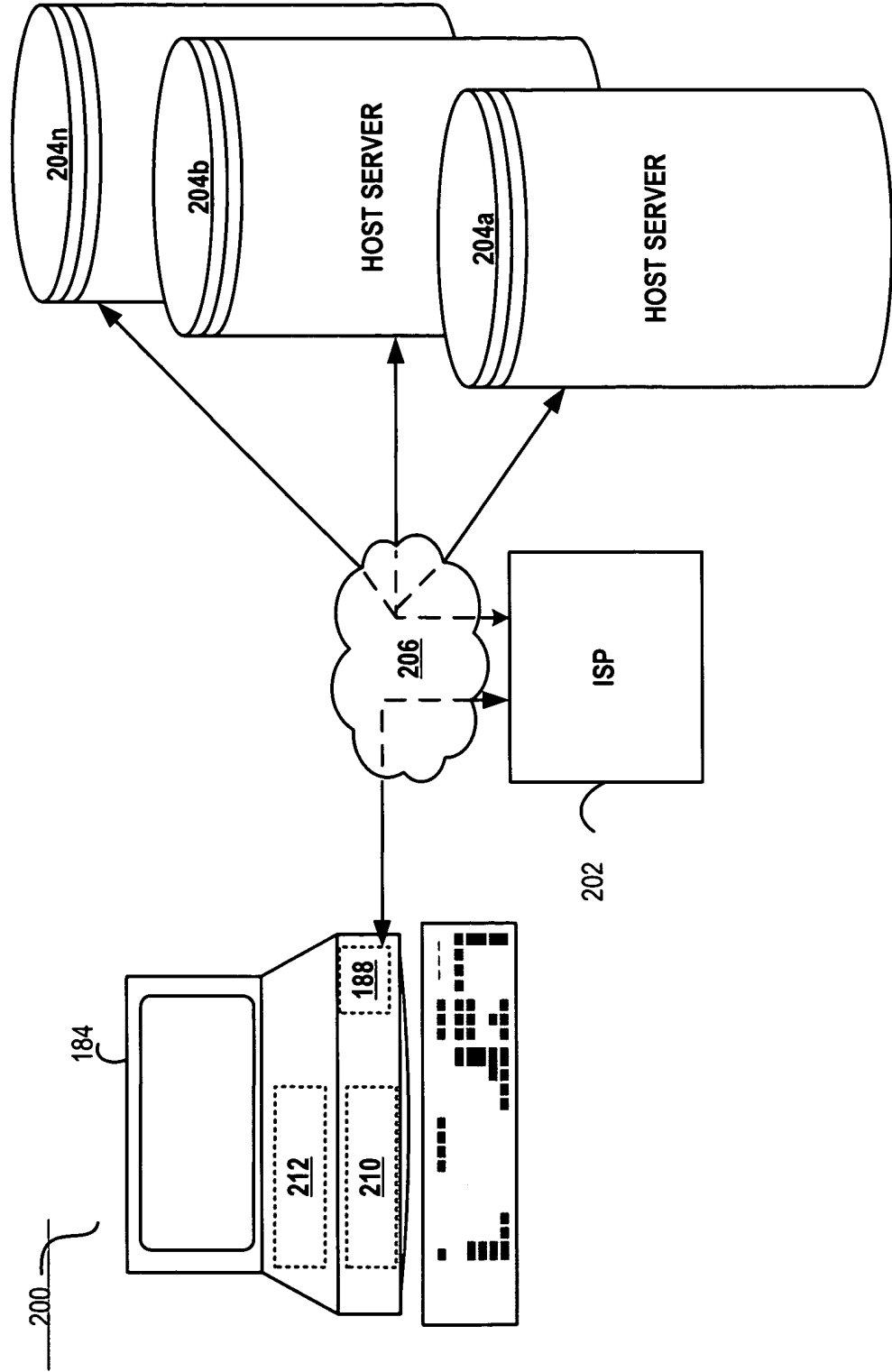
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Figure 1

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Figure 2
(Prior Art)